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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In reply to the Examiner's Office Communication of April 25, 2005 the Applicant submits the replacement amendments to the specification and claims and the below Remarks directed thereto (same as per response dated February 4, 2005 – payment for IDS not included). All inventors have signed each document.

Claims 1-7 are currently pending in the present application. In the Amendments:

page 1, line 1 of the specification is amended to include reference to the granted patent number of USSN 09/112,806, as required by the Examiner;

page 1, the first paragraph under "CROSS REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" is amended to include reference to the granted patent number of USSN 09/112,806, as required by the Examiner;

claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 2 therein so as to recite that each of the ink ejection elements has an associated actuator;

dependent claim 2 is cancelled accordingly;

dependent claim 3 is amended to depend directly from amended claim 1; and

dependent claims 4-7 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication as to the allowability of claims 2-7 under the conditions stated in the Office Action.

Specification Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendments to page 1 of the specification to incorporate reference to U.S. Patent No. 6,247,790 for the parent application USSN 09/112,806 to the present application provides the correction required by the Examiner.

The amendment to the co-pending applications paragraph on Page 1 is merely to update the application numbers to patent numbers. The applicant has deleted an application number which has been abandoned.

35 U.S.C. 102(e) Rejection

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended claim 1 is not disclosed by Inui et al. (USP 5,719,604) for at least the following reasons.

In the present invention, multiple actuators 8,9 are used to eject ink through the ink ejection port 4 of the nozzle chamber 2 so that each actuator need only apply some of the

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force required to eject the ink. The actuators 8,9 are positioned symmetrically about the ink ejection port 4 so as to accurately control the ink ejection (see pages 7, 8 and 29 of the present specification). Amended claim 1 recites this arrangement of the actuators.

As admitted by the Examiner in the Allowable Subject Matter section of the Office Action, Inui does not disclose such an arrangement of actuators. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended claim 1, and claims 3-7 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed by Inui.

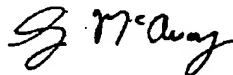
It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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